Community Advisory Board on Public Safety Realignment (CAB) Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2019

CAB Members Present: Chala Bonner, Harry Thurston, Rolanda Wilson, Frank Hancock, Lisa Gregory, Michael Pitts, Henrissa Bassey, Lila Blanchard, DeVonn Powers, Jeri Cohen, and Tara Cantu-Nishimoto

CAB Member Absent: Dolores Williams

Public Present: Donte Blue, Monica Carlisle, Keith Hall, Charles Brown, Antonia Fernandez, Mark Messerer, Fatima Matal Sol, Michelle Stewart, Jill Ray, Janna Evans, Jody Sicheneder, and Andrea Crider

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m.

- Roll call of CAB Members by Lisa Gregory
- Confirmed Quorum

Introductions and Announcements

- Harry will be sending out a CAB Annual Report template document to all CAB Subcommittee Chairs to complete and return to him
- Lisa Gregory now works at Community Works West and she has new contact information

Public Comments

None

Approve November 14, 2019 CAB Meeting Minutes

 Motion to approve 11/14/19 minutes by Rolanda Wilson, second by Lisa Gregory, Motion approved (11-0)

Presentation by Alcohol and Other Drug Services on Drug Medi-Cal Waiver and its impact

- Fatima Matal Sol, Program Chief and Mark Messerer, Program Manager
- DMC Waiver is a 5-year pilot
 - The goal is to improve and expand treatment to more people
 - DMC waiver began July 1, 2017 in Contra Costa County
 - Waiver redefines Medi-Cal.
 - Clients must have Medi-Cal and reside in Contra Costa
 - Better care and accessible care when needed
- Benefits of DMC-ODS Waiver
 - Increased use of licensed staff (LPHA)
 - Expanded services covered by DMC
 - Recovery residences
 - Evidence based programming
 - Increased services for in-custody
 - Increase oversight and accountability

- Most clients must go through the access line
 - 211 can redirect people to the access line
- Total number of detox beds in Contra Costa County is 13
 - Don't have the capacity to serve transgender people
 - They will be referred out to San Francisco, where they have a program specifically for this population
- There are more men in treatment than there are women. There is a need to treat pregnant women. There are less referrals for AB 109 women
- Received about 4,000 in-custody calls in a year
 - Most calls come from west county detention facility
 - Currently doing opioid treatment in custody
- In custody challenges
 - They don't have substance abuse treatment in the jail; that is a challenge
 - Clearance in jails
 - Clients are not Medi-Cal eligible
 - The biggest question is... How do we provide the services that the client needs while in custody?
- How can CAB advocate?
 - Transportation
 - Funding for SUD treatment in the jails to support MAT. Medication alone is not effective. Treatment for all drugs, including alcohol.
 - Case management
 - o Reduce stigma, recovery works, treatment is effective

Discussion on Member activities as CAB Ambassadors

- Harry scheduled a meeting with BOS Glover on the 19th
- Frank met with Probation and Sheriff and has a meeting with Supv. Burgis on the 18th
- Henrissa has a meeting with Probation
- Lisa has made a few calls but has not scheduled any meetings
- Michael met with Public Defender and Supv. Glover. He is working on getting a meeting with the CAO
- Chala is working on scheduling a meeting with Supv. Andersen
- DeVonn met with Supv. Mitchoff and Supv. Andersen
- Rolanda met with Supv. Gioia
- CCP Police Representative will change in January 2020
- CAB Ambassadors will set up a meeting with the new CCP Police Rep in 2020
- Ambassadors will submit written reports of their meetings in the near future

Discussion on CAB Members Diversity Survey Result

- Donte Blue reported on the CAB Members Diversity Survey Result.
- There were 6 responses, but we should've had 9 responses.
- There is a concern about the survey result because it shows that 5 participants identified as male but we know that at least 3 people who identify as female took the survey;
 Donte will look into this discrepancy.
- The goal of the survey is to know the diversity of CAB.

Discussion on 2020 CAB Retreat

- The retreat is to give context of the history of CAB, AB 109, CCP, and also the operation
 of the CAB
- Retreat will be held on February 7th and 8th from 8 am to noon; location TBD

CAB Member Meeting Updates

- Harry Thurston reported out on the PPC meeting and the CCP meeting
- Michael Pitts reported out on Outreach and Community Engagement Committee meeting
- Rolanda Wilson reported out on the Programs and Services Committee meeting
 - o White Paper was presented to the CCP and approved
- Lisa Gregory reported out on the Policy and Budget Committee Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 12:02 p.m.